Bishop Andrews.

New York, Dec. 21 .- In the mausoleum

remains of Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant. In

addition to the members of the Grant

family there were present, among the

ive hundred persons to whom invita-

Root, Rear Admiral Barker and staff,

General Frederick Grant and the

seats overlooking the crypt. The ser

church, and the Rt. Rev. Alexander

Mackay-Smith, Protestant Episcopal

opened with the hymn, "Lead, Kindly

Light," after which the burial services

Protestant Episcopal churches were

read. The services were closed with

the reading of a poem, "The Land Be-

yond the Sea," which had been a favor-

EDUCATION FOR

Ite of Mrs. Grant, and the singing of

couraging Report Regarding

Schools of the Island.

Washington, Dec. 21.-The annual re-

port of the commissioner of education

public school now exists in every mu-

schools, twenty-one per cent, in enroll-

high water mark during the year in the

grand total of 61.863, or nineteen per

tional advantages offered free to the

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

Marconi Announces that Communica-

tion Is Established Between

Cape Breton and Cornwall.

New York, Dec. 21.-The following

lespatch from Marconi, dated Glace

Bay, N. S., Dec. 21, has been received

"I beg to inform you for circulation

that I have established wireless tele-

graphic communication between Cape

Breton, Canada and Cornwall, Eng-

land with complete success. Inaugur-

atory messages, including one from the

governor-general of Canada to King

Edward VII. have already been trans-

mitted and forwarded to the King of

England and Italy. A message to the

London Times has also been trans-

mitted in the presence of its special

GENERAL SWAYNE BURIED.

Services Over the Remains Held in

St. Bartholomew's Church.

New York, Dec. 21.-Funeral services

over the remains of General Wager

Swayne were held to-day in St. Bar-

tholomew's church, the Rev. Dr. David

H. Greer, rector of the church read the

burial service. The pall-bearers were:

Dr. Andrew H. Smith, Colonel Robert

B. Tyler, George H. Browning, Justice

Edward Patterson, General O. O. How

ard, General Henry L. Burnett, Chaun-

cey M. Depew, General Granville M.

Dodge, General Ripley, Judge John F.

Dillon, General Daniel E. Sickles, Dr.

Kipp, Secretary of War Elihu Root and

Delegates from the Loyal Legion of

Honor, of Ohio society, the Bar Asso-

ciation, the Republican club, the Delta

Kappa Epsilon society, the various Grand Army posts and religious and

missionary societies with which the

general was connected were present. The

remains were taken to Washington, D.

C., for interment to-morrow at Arling-

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

"G. Marconi."

correspondent, D. Parkin, M. P.

(Signed)

Colgate Hoyt

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nicipality in Porto Rico.

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coadjutor of Pennsylvania.

THE PORTO RICANS

vices, conducted by Bishop E. G. An-

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PRESIDENT MAY ACT AS ARBITRATOR

Believed That His Answer to Proposals of the Powers Regarding Venezuela Has Been Received.

THE ALLIES OBJECT TO THE HAGUE

Strictest Secrecy Has Been Maintained Regarding the Negotiations, but It Is Believed That President Roosevelt's Answer to the Request of England and Germany Has Been Favorable-By Wednesday, Unless Some Unexpected Complications Arise, It Is Believed That Negotiaand Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, and many tions Will Reach a Stage That Will Assure a Definite Arrangement and the city. Obviate Further Hostilities with Venezuela.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 20.-England and Germany have asked President Roosevelt to be the arbitrator of their difficulties with Venezuela.

This is their response to President Roosevelt's request that they refer their case to The Hague tribunal. Venezuela, if she stands by her selection of Minister Bowen as her mediator, will agree to the proposition of the hymn, "Abide With Me."

the foreign powers. President's Answer Received.

London, Dec. 21 .- It is believed that President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers yesterday that he arbitrate the Vene- Commissioner Lindsay Makes an Enzuelan issues has been received in London. The strictest secreey with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, however, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but such indications as are obtainable point to President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator.

A constant interchange of cablegrams is proceeding night and day be- in very many parts of the United States. cen the United States embassy here although the every day output of the and the state department at Washington. It is believed that the president's answer will be submitted formally to the foreign office tomorrow. By Wednesday, unless some unexpected complications arise, it is believed the negotial tions will reach a stage assuring a definite arrangement and obviating hos-

It must be said that the acceptance of the office of arbitrator by President enrollment was, in the ordinary public Roosevelt would greatly surprise the foreign office, which has always been doubtful of the issue of the arbitration negotiations on account of the belief that President Roosevelt or the United States was not willing to undertake the responsibility thereby involved. Judging from private American advices which have been received in London, President Roosevelt, as arbitrator, would be favorably disposed toward the temporary adoption of some such method, as was arranged with the Venezuelan secret mission and communicated to the state department by Isaac Seligman, With President Roosevelt acting as arbitrator, the serious objections in the matter of guarantees, which frequently have been mentioned at the foreign office and in these dispatches, would disappear. The foreign office has repeatedly said that the great difficulty in its seeing a way to agree to a pacific settlement of the Venezuelan trouble was its inability to ascertain to what extent the United States was willing to assume responsibility.

In spite of the fact that Sunday usually sacred to leisure in London's diplomatic circle, today has been supplanted by activity at all the embassies especially the American, where work was in progress all last night. The promptness with which Washington deals with those vital matters concerning which prolix pour parlers have been interchanged in Europe, astonishes diplomats here and forms an interesting phase of an engrossing situation.

Answers of Germany and Great Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 21.-It has been learned here that the governments of Germany and Great Britain have adopted detailed answers to the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan issues.

These communications will be handed to Ambassador Tower here and to Charge d'Affaires White in London, to-The correspondent of the Associated Press has learned further that the German answer agrees in all substantial effects with the British answer and makes no separate reservations in

behalf of the German case. Allies Object to The Hague.

Rome, Dec. 21.-It has been learned here that not one of the allies present contemplates submitting the Venezuelan difficulty to The Hague court. The Venezueinn situation was fully discussed by King Victor Emmanuel and Foreign Minister Princiti at their semiweekly conference this morning, and much satisfaction with the more peaceful turn of events was expressed.

President Castro Accepts.

Caracas, Dec. 21 .- President Castro has signified acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty

It Is Not Thought That Delehanty Will Be an Issue Preventing Peace Negotiations.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

MAGNATES TO MEET

AMERICAN BASE BALL

MRS GRANT REMAINS New York, Dec. 21.-As the American League baseball club owners and representatives will begin their annual meeting at Chicago tomorrow, the fol-A. PIVERSIDE lowing official statement was issued to-Brief and Simple Serv. Were Con-ducted in the Mausoleum by day by Secretary Fred Knowles, of the New York National club;

"The New York club has a three year contract with Delehanty and has paid him a large amount of money upon that contract, and expects him to report to the club when it goes south in March, and we do not believe he will become an on Riverside drive, brief and simple services were conducted today over the issue in any peace negotiation betwen the two leagues. If there is to be any retroactive action regarding players who have left one league to join the other, then it will have to go back to the beginning of the controversy. We tions had been sent, Governor Odell, Mayor Low, Secretary of War Elihu would most certainly resist any singling out method and do not believe they are contemplated or intended. The res-General James Grant Wilson, General olution by which the conference committee was created only calls for an in-Granville Dodge, General Horatio C. quiry on the part of the National league King, General Charles F. Roc, New as to the position to be occupied by the American league and terms upon which York National Guard, and staff, Mr. federal and municipal officials and offithe baseball war might be terminated. The National league will find its voice cers of the army and navy stationed in when the negotiations begin and will take proper action." other members of the family occupied

STARVATION of the Methodist Episcopal IN FINLAND

Due to Floods and Failure of of the Methodist Episcopal and the Crops-400,000 are Without Food.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.-The average grain crop gathered in Finland is valued at \$30,000,000. The astimated value of the 1902 crop is \$20,000,000. While this oss is generally distributed throughout Finland, it is almost totally in the northern third of the country where are the provinces of Ulcaborg, Kuopic Vasa, St. Michael and portions of Vi-

borg. Peas and beans generally have failed and the potato crop has not been gathered; the hay has rotted or been swept tway by floods. The disaster is due to for Porto Rico, Samuel McCune Lindthe late spring, the nearly continuous say, says that the poorest schools there chilly rains and the early frost, which are as good and in some respects bet-ter than the poorest of the same grade was recorded August 10. In the north there have been only half a dozen days Chinese, one Japanese woman and a when it did not rain. The rains also Japanese child. spoiled the fishing. So complete was the failure of vegetation, that with the best city schools of the same in the forests. The present crop fail- very difficult. The injured who numgrade in the States. An American free ure is the worst that has been exper- bered twenty-five were taken to Oaklenced for the last fifty years. It is land. Most of them are reported re-The school year closed last June with communication will facilitate the anticipated. 874 schools open, 40,944 pupils enrolled and 923 teachers employed, an increase work of relief and avoid wholesale of nineteen per cent, in the number of 194 of these parishes are now nearly desment, and twenty per cent. in number of teachers over the previous year. The titute. The agricultural board has reshes, showing that 106 have food sup- of the coach, crushed in the mass of schools, 59,696, to which should be adplies which will suffice them until ded 2,767 pupils enrolled in the high thristmas only. The unripe rye and barley which the people are forced to ing steam that poured out from the normal and special schools, giving a use makes a bitter bread which even shattered boiler of the Stockton encent, of the total population of school the hungry horses refuse to cat. age and over six per cent, of the total some parts of the country bread is population of the island. The report says that these figures show that under baked from barley husks and straw, mixed with a little flour and is purchas-American civil government the educad by the needy people with their hoarded sayings. Such bread contains very masses of the people as compared with little nutrition and is extremely un th maximum facilities provided by the wholesome. The peasants have expend-Spanish government have nearly ed all their money for flour and consequently are unable to buy clothing.

The dangers of famine was realized early by the public. Count Bobriokoff. governor-general of Finland, has issued an appeal for help in Russia and a volrelief committee has been organized by Finlanders with branches throughout the country. The Anglo-American church here affiliated with this committee.

The senate has decided to construct works at an expenditure of \$375,000 and it has allotted \$500,000 for he purchase of grain which will be sold to the people at cost. Seventy-five thousand dollars will be used to encourage cottage industries. The provinces and certain cities of Finland voted various sums for relief work, amounting in all to half a million dollars. The voluntary relief committee has received \$125,000, but it is understood that all this sum has been already expended. Pastor Kilburn, of St. Petersburg, has just returned from a sledge journey through Kupio province. He found 1,900 school children, who were were totally destitute. It is estimated that 400,000 will be without food after Christmas. Business in Finland is suffering in sympathy with the extreme conditions, but no failures have yet been

the rates of discount. Immigration from Finland is increasing constantly. Up to November 17, 20,155 persons had left the country, via Hango, while unknown numbers of Finlanders have crossed the Gulf of Bothnia to Sweden and have taken passage from there. The effects of the crop failure on emigration, however, will be fel-

DEATHS OF A DAY.

more strongly in 1903.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hammond, Ind., Dec. 21.—Charles F. Griffin, former secretary of state, who week was stricken with paralysis

died at his home here today. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.-Rev. Dr. Al phonse Magnien, president emeritus of St. Mary's seminary, died at that institution today of kidney and heart disease. He was 65 years of age.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.-Charles T. Neale, one of the pioneers in the iron ausiness in Western Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his home late Saturday night, at the age of 70 years. Since 1858 Mr. Neale has been prominent in the iron ndustry in this country.

SIXTEEN DIE IN A WRECK

The Engine of the Stockton Flyer Plows Into the Rear Goach of the Los Angeles "Owl"

TWENTY-SEVEN RECEIVE INJURIES

Passengers Who Escaped Death Are Hurled to the Forward Part of the Coach, Crushed in a Mass of Debris -Flagman Gave the Stockton Train Warning, but the Speed Was Not Checked, Though the Signal Was Observed-Relief Comes Quickly to Injured Passengers Who Are Taken to Byron Springs.

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Martinez, Cal., Dec. 21.-As a result of a rear-end collision between the "Stockton Flyer" and the "Owl" train on the Southern Pacific at Byron last night, sixteen deaths already have been recorded and there are fears that the total will reach twenty. Most of the wounded passengers, who were too seerely injured to be taken to their homes, were taken to the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco to-day and on the way to that place five victims died. Twenty-two of the injured reached the hospital where it was announced to-night that R. Post, of Fowler, Cal., and Lee Sou, a Chinaman of San Francisco, would probably succumb. Of the twenty-two patients, only three were permitted to receive visitors, so seriously were they suffer-

Then persons were killed outright and the other two succumbed to their injuries to-day. Seven of the dead have been identified as follows: ELIZABETH L. SMITH, Fresno, Cal.

Aged 38. CLARENCE D. OLUFFS, Fresno, Cal.; MISS BIRDIE ELLIOTT, San Francisco; MARKL VEZEY, Modesto, Cal.; aged 19, GEORGE SESSIONS, Oakland,

aged 25. HARLES OWENS, Fresnet aged 55. MISS MIERS, Fresho. The unidentified dead include

The dead were brought here. Most dead of the corpses are terribly mutilated. birds by the hundreds have been found This made the work of identification

hoped, however, that better methods covering, and no further casualties are It was a rear-end collision, the endeaths by hunger and typhus. There gine of the local plowing its way are all told about 500 parishes in Finland, into the rear coach of the "Owl," absolute control over everything and which was filled with Fresno people. The passengers who escaped death eived reports from 140 of the 194 par- were hurled to the forward part debris. Their sufferings and danger

> After the "Owl" left Oakland mole was noted there was a leak in the had a dog named "Spot," and further flue of the engine. This increased to said: such an extent that it was deemed advisable to stop here and take a freight lowing a half hour behind and a flag-

'Owl." It is said that the Stockton train, in harge of Engineer Maguire and Fireman Joyce got the warning signal in due time and gave the usual response with whistle blasts. Why the train was not checked, however, is not explained thus far, the men who could give the facts being among the badly injured. So forcibly did the local meet the rear of the "Owl" that the end of the second car, the dining tar, was smashed in and the three cooks were seriously hurt. The horror of fire was not added to the disaster and the penned up victims were spared from flame, as the oil burners were extinguished when the crash came.

Relief Comes Quickly.

Relief quickly came to the injured passengers, axes and saws being brought into play. Messengers were sent to Byron Hot Springs, a short in need of food. Of this number, 1,115 distance away, and physicians came quickly to the station. Every effort was made to alleviate the suffering. and those who were unable to proceed on their journey were taken either to the Springs Hotel or the church in The banks have not raised Byron, which temporarily was transformed into a hospital.

STEAMER'S STORMY PASSAGE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press New York, Dec. 21.-The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Southampton and Cherbourg, after a stormy passage of six days, eleven hours and twenty-three minutes. In the exceedingly rough weather the seas boarded the ship and caused some damage to the fittings. Three seamen were injured.

Among the passengers were Countess de Castellane and children. The Duke of New Castle arrived on the steamship Minneapolis from Lon-

Vanderbilt Improving.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 71.—Cornelius Vander bilt's condition showed considerable im-provement today, there being a reduction of 70 years. Since 1858 Mr. of one degree in his temperature during been prominent in the iron the evening hours. He rested well throughout the day.

GREATER THAN GOVERNMENT. Mayor Samuel M. Jones' Opinion of the President.

y Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 21,-"Theodore Roosevelt as a man is greater than the government he represents. While the govrnment of the United States was unable to restore peace in the anthracite region, Roosevell, not as president, but s a man, suggested a rational way to and the problem was solved."

Thus spoke Samuel M. (Golden Rule) cugo Peace society today. He sought show that force of arms was futile, ing in battle was murder.

Mayor Jones declared, however, that e was an optimist, and in spite of reoff than it was 100 years ago and was vania and caused the reference to the president. Mayor Jones criticized Major General

Young, who, at a banquet in Cleveland on Saturday night, spoke of the necessity of military force to maintain the employed at hard work in the gardens supremacy of the nation's commerce. "No one will accuse me of being un-patriotic," said Mayor Jones, "but 1 would not raise a boy to go into the rmy or the navy to support commerce of this kind.

WORKINGS OF POINT LOMA

Remarkable Evidence Regarding the Theosophical Institution Conducted by Mrs. Tingley.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 21.-The formal evidence was turned to what purports to be a remarkable revelation of the discovered the fire between Peekskill inner workings of the Theosopatical institution at Point Loma at yesterday's session of the pending trial of an action for libel, in which Mrs. Tingley, head of the Universal Brotherhood, is plaintiff against the Times-Mirror company of Los Angeles. This evidence is in the form of a deposition made by Louis S Fitch, of Hartford, Conn. The deponent said he was employed as a bookkeeper by the Universal Brotherhood, of which he became a member, and had privileges accorded to few others. He stated that Mrs. Tingley was re-garded as a prophet in line of succession, including Buddha, Christ and Mahomet, and that she had told deponent that marriage relations, as known to the world, in her bellef were white man, presumably a sailor; two wholly false and perverted, and that people who lived the life at Point Loma would evolve so as to reach a stage where marriage would not be neces-

> Mr. Fitch said he lived at Point Loma from August, 1900, until March,

1901 He said the pledge of the Esoteric society of theosophy was very binding, leaders in all things, the leader being Katherine Tingley. Mrs. Tingley had the minutest detail. She decided where every member should lodge, what he should cat, and where he should cat it whom he should have conversation with, whom he should walk or talk were intensified by the clouds of sculdwith and whom he must not speak to or look at.

> Ghost That Haunts "Spot." Deponent testified that Mrs. Tingley

"Mrs. Tingley told me that 'Spot' was great deal more than a pet. 'I behis death. Mr. Judge gave Spot to me

The deponent testified further that mated.

SCRANTON SESSION COMES TO AN END

Mrs. Tingley's supervision of the insettle the trouble. The man triumphed terfor course of members extended to interference of relations between the members of the same family; that she Jones, mayor of Toledo, before the Chi- did not allow Mr. and Mrs. Anson, who were inmates, to speak with their own children; that the colony was patrolled that war was inexcusable and that kill- by armed guards and that restrictions were placed upon the entrance of visit

Mr. Fitch says further that Mrs. ent wars, he said, the world was better Tingley was a very hard worker and that although her official title was continually improving. That brought "leader," she was frequently addressed him to the late coal strike in Pennsyl- as "purple" by her official cabinet and oftentimes as "P" and frequently as "Mother," unless she requested that the latter be stopped, Mr. Fitch affirmed that, to his own knowledge, women members of the colony were and fields.

CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNED.

Matter Destined for the Philippines and Fiji Islands Destroyed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 21.-Official report of the burning of a carload of Christmas mail en route for the west was made here this afternoon by the rew of mail clerks arriving here from New York on the fast mail No. 3 on the New York Central, which left New

York at 8.45 a. m. Only twenty or thirty out of seven or eight hundred pouches were saved, the burned small being for Chicago and points further west. Some of the mail was destined for the Philippine and storage car, which carried no clerks, union officers, were responsible for this the crew was on the car behind, and treatment. Among the witnesses will Fiji islands. The mail sacks were in a and Highland. The car was left burning at the latter station.

CHAMPION JEFFRIES **NEARLY KNOCKED OUT**

He Fails to Win Points in a Four Round Contest with Jack Monroe, an Amateur Champion.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Butte, Mont., Dec. 21.-Champion Jeffries last night lost a decision in a four-round contest with Jack Munroe, after a four-round bout of the ficreest fighting Butte has seen for some time. At one time the champion went to his Jeffries and his manager had posted a forfeit of \$250 for any one against Jeffries for four rounds and Munroe accepted the challenge. At the end of the fourth round Munroe was

still ready to fight. Munroe is amateur champion of the with members taking outh to obey the Pacific coast. Fitzsimmons has posted a forfeit of \$500 to put Munroe out in four rounds.

INGLESIDE SCHOOL BURNED.

A Large and Fashionable Seminary for Young Ladies Destroyed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Pres-New Milford, Conn., Dec. 21.-Ingle side school, a large and fashionable seminary for young ladies, conducted by Mrs. William D. Black, was partly destroyed by a fire of unknown origin, today and caused damage estimated at \$10,000

The servants were the only persons in the building when the fire broke out, engine for relief. The train officials lieve I know, said Mrs. Tingley, that the young ladies of the sentingry being knew that the Stockton train was fol- Mr. Judge's spirit entered into Spot at away on their Christmas vacations as were the instructors. More than one man was sent back along the track to at the time of his death and at the hundred students were registered at the give warning of the presence of the time that I assumed the leadership of school and the damage to the articles the Universal Brotherhood as his suc- in their rooms, all of which were expensively decorated, cannot be esti-

DUNMORE BALLOTS REDUCED TO PULP

Desperate Effort to Hide Suspected Election Frauds. Ballot Boxes from Six Districts Are Filled with Water.

fraud, was disclosed, Saturday, when the commission in the congressional election contest proceeded to gather in the Dunmore ballots.

transferred to a sack, scaled and de-Grosse arrived today from Bremen, livered to United States Clerk Searle From the casual examination the commission permitted itself to make, it was apparent that it will not be possible to separate and decipher the bal-

lots. The boxes were in the custody of dripping water when taken from the Squire Barney Cooney. When the box by the commissioners. ommissioners called for them squire brought them up from his celar. Not even a semblance of an explanation of how the destruction of the ballots came about could be siven by the 'squire. He not only did not claim that his cellar was ever flooded, or even damp; on the contrary he insisted that his cellar is and always was ex- had been transformed. eptionally dry.

A bystander asked the 'squire how it thrown out as a consequence of the fally suspected frauds.

What is almost unquestionably a des-|"doctoring" of the ballots. The 'squire perate attempt to hide an election declared that whatever happened it was no fault of his. In fairness to the squire it should be said he was evidently as much surprised as anyone at the discovery. There are eleven districts in Dun-

By pouring water into the boxes and more borough. Under the law the balallowing it to stand for weeks, the con- lot boxes are to be delivered to a justents-ballots, blanks and duplicate tice of the peace for keeping between sheets-were transformed into a mass elections. Eight of the eleven boxes of of pulp, with the markings rendered Dunmore borough were delivered into ing a legal fight against the alleged coal undecipherable. How successful the the custody of 'Squire Cooney. The scheme has been can not be definitely boxes from the Green Ridge. Sport stated. The commissioners would not Hill and Bunker Hill districts are still take the responsibility of more than a in the possession of the respective rasual examination. The contents of judges of election, Six of the eight diseach box were carefully removed, tricts represented by the boxes delivered to 'Squire Cooney gave Howell exceptionally large majorities. These six boxes were the six that were doctored. There was only half or three-quarters of an inch of water in the bottom

of each box. Every particle of everything in every one of the six boxes was The boxes were in all liklihood filled

with water up to the time the commisioners were expected. It was then drained off. The half or three-quarters of an inch of water found in the bottom of the boxes was what was distilled by perspiration from the mass of pulp into which the paper

In three of the six districts in which the ballots were thus tampered with would be if the Dunmore returns were the contestant's representatives espec-

Mine Strike Gommission Adjourns Over the Holidays to Reconvene Jan. 6 1903 in Philadelphia

NON-UNIONIST CASE NOT YET CONCLUDED

Some Few More Witnesses to Be Presented by Attorneys O'Brien and Lenahan, Among Them Sheriffs Schadt and Jacobs-Commission Again Urges the Companies to Hurry Up the Filing of Their Wage Statistics-Father Whitty Society Denies Joseph H. Duggan's Statement-Commission Amused at a "Mob" Picture-More Stories of Strike Disorder.

The mine strike commission adjourned Saturday morning at 11.45 o'clock over the holidays. It will reconvene in the court room of the federal building at Philadelphia, Tuesday, January 6, 1903. The non-union men will present a few more witnesses to tell of the treatment they were accorded during the strike and show that union men, and some be Sheriff Schadt of this county and Sheriff Jacobs of Luzerne county.

Attorneys Joseph O'Brien and John T. Lenahan have called sixty witnesses far and they have summoned a hundred more, but believing the commission has been thoroughly convinced that "the inalienable constitutional right" of selling one's labor when, how and to whom one chooses was seriously questioned during the strike, they will content themselves with a very few more illustrations of this questioning The independent operators will probably be heard when the non-union men concluded but this has not been defnitely settled. Much will depend on which party finishes its statistics first. Before adjourning Saturday morning, Judge Gray made another urgent, request that the companies present their statistics at once. He said he wanted to impress on the representatives of knees and a knockout looked possible. the companies the urgency of their statistics being filed at once. He trusted they would all be put in carly part of the recess so that those who have in hand their examination may ascertain whether or not they are satisfactory, and in what, if any, feature they should be amended or supplemented.

There Was Time Enough.

"With all due deference," the judge remarked in meaningful tones, "there has been time enough for all these statstics to be presented. Unless there is better co-operation this hearing will drag itself out interminably. We want to get at the earnings of the miners. The only way we can get at them is through the books of the companies We trust these figures will be forthoming without further delay."

In announcing the adjournment Judge Gray, in the name of the commission vished all the parties a happy Christmas, and expressed the hope that all would bear in their minds the message of the season, "Peace on earth; good will to men," and return to the hearings imbued with this spirit.

All those from out of town who were n attendance at the commission, with the exception of President Mitchell and his headquarters force, have left for their homes. Bishop Spalding and Attorney Darrow went on the Lackawanna yesterday afternoon, President Mithell will remain over until tomorrow

to straighten out his correspondence. The commissioners are well pleased with their stay in Scranton and felicitated themselves on the fact that this city was selected for the sessions. One of them said to a Tribune recorter as he was leaving for his train that they could not have asked for more delight4 ful environments. The people could not do too much for them, he said, in the way of hospitable treatment, the lawyers and others participating in the nearings, and the newspapers in dealng with the commission and its work were one and all most courteous and considerate. "If our experiences continue to the end as it has in Scranton," said the commissioner, "we will have nothing unpleasant to look back to."

One Adverse Criticism.

Only one utterance of adverse critiism of the commission has as yet been heard. A New York paper, which is seeking self-advertisement by instituttrust, took exception to the action of the commissioners in refusing to go into this question. It was a great disappointment to the paper in question not to be able to print in glaring headlines Mine Strike Commission Joins Hands - in Exposing the Coal with the -Trust." The existence or non-existence of a coal trust, the commissioners believe, has nothing directly to do with the questions at issue before them, and it is a matter of great doubt if it can have the slightest indirect bearing. The commission has declared it will assume the operators are able to pay better

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Washington, Dec. 21-Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern
Pennsylvania.— Cloudy Monday,
probably rain in the morning; colder in eastern portion. Tuesday,
fair, colder; fresh to brisk southto northwest winds
